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**TO:** Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

**FROM:** Angélica Infante-Green, Commissioner

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Necessity of School Construction: Johnston

The Council on Elementary and Secondary Education has as one of its responsibilities reviewing and certifying the need for school construction projects to be reimbursed through the school housing aid program and the SBA Capital Fund. Most large projects are supported by bonds and are comprehensive projects with major renovation and/or new construction components. With the passage of the Statewide School Construction Bond in November 2018, voters activated six new temporary bonus incentives and access to \$250M in upfront funding to support the state share of foundation school housing aid.

At this meeting, the Council is being asked to approve a Necessity of School Construction application. A chart summarizing Johnston Public School's projects is provided in Attachment 1.

**RECOMMENDATION:** THAT, the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approve the necessity of school construction projects totaling **\$215,000,000** pursuant to 16-7-41.1 as follows (please note that when the applicable reimbursement share ratios are applied to the estimated total project costs noted below, the state share is expected to be **\$81,232,590**, which includes \$1,598,300 in pay-as-you-go funding):

Johnston:

- a. Districtwide Repairs and Renovations:
  - i. New Early Childhood Center \$ 29,350,000
  - ii. New Johnston Elementary School \$ 84,350,000
  - iii. Johnston Middle School \$ 41,177,475
  - iv. Johnston High School \$ 60,122,525

## SUMMARY: FY 2022 NECESSITY OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

JOHNSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	JUSTIFICATION	FY 2022 AID SHARE RATIO*	ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	STATE SHARE	STATE SHARE W/ INTEREST**
<b>New Construction</b>	This project includes new construction of two elementary schools – a new Early Childhood Center (58,000) and a new Johnston Elementary School (159,500) – as part of a districtwide “newer and fewer” masterplan that includes consolidation.	This plan addresses the needs of Johnston through the building of two new state-of-the-art educational facilities which will replace outdated elementary schools built in the 1920's and 1930's.	Base Rate 37.7826%	\$215,000,000	\$81,232,590	\$114,556,843
	This project includes major renovations at Ferri Middle School and Johnston Senior High School. Major renovations will include safety and code upgrades, new science labs, site improvements, accessibility upgrades, educational enhancements, building envelope repairs, and other building system repairs.	This project is part of a masterplan that includes major renovations to Ferri Middle School and Johnston Senior High School, both built in the 1960's, that improves educational space utilization and replace obsolete building systems. These projects will create safe and healthy 21 <sup>st</sup> century learning environments.	Maximum Rate 56.6726%***	\$215,000,000	\$121,846,090	\$171,831,323

\* State share ratio is based on FY2022 calculation, pursuant to RIGL 16-7-41(b).

\*\* Only bonds financed through RIHEBC are eligible for reimbursement on interest.

\*\*\* District may be eligible for a maximum of 18.9% additional reimbursement, pursuant to RIGL 16-7-40.